

REMARKS

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified patent application, please enter the foregoing amendments.

Claims 1-25 are now pending in the above-identified patent application, as presented by the instant Preliminary Amendment. Claim 1 is the single claim present in independent form.

The present application represents the U.S. National Phase of P.C.T. Application No. PCT/AU00/01150, filed September 21, 2000, and claiming foreign priority on the basis of a corresponding Australian patent application, filed September 21, 1999.

By the present amendment, dependent Claims 6, 7, 10, 14-16, 20, 21, 23 and 24 have been amended in order to remove the multiple dependencies therefrom. The dependency of Claim 19 has been corrected. Dependent Claim 25 has been added for the purpose of reciting the alternative embodiment originally covered by dependent Claim 20. Various amendments have also been entered into the Specification and claims for the purpose of improved form. An Abstract on a separate sheet of paper, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b), is also enclosed.

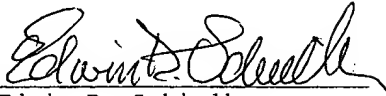
A "marked-up" version of the claim amendments being entered is attached to this Preliminary Amendment.

The application is now in condition for a full examination on the merits.

Accordingly, an early examination on the merits and allowance are, therefore, respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION OF AMENDMENTS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the following claims to now read as follows:

6. (Amended) A seating system as claimed in [any one of claims 2 to 5] claim 2 wherein the support is adapted for connection to a surface and has a substantially horizontal portion to which the beam is connected.

7. (Amended) A seating system as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1 having a seat which has a back member which is adapted to carry the load of the seat and a seat support which has two arms which are adapted for connection to the back member at two spaced positions so that effectively a truss is formed, one of the arms of the support being adapted to be connected to a beam to locate the seat and the support also having means whereby a seat assembly can be connected thereto.

10. (Amended) The seating system as claimed in claim 8 [or claim 9] wherein the back and seat members are formed by injection moulding and wherein they each have a perimeter beam moulded integrally therewith.

14. (Amended) A seating system as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 13] claim 1 wherein the seat has means whereby

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identification can readily be provided.

15. (Amended) A seating system as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 14] claim 1 wherein the seat is provided with means whereby a writing tablet can be associated therewith.

16. (Amended) A seating system as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 15] claim 1 wherein the seat is provided with a visual display unit associated therewith.

19. (Amended) The seating system of claim [19] 18 wherein there are stops to the rotational movement to ensure that the visual display unit is constrained to be correctly oriented before it can be moved into the recess and to permit adjustment of the angle of viewing by a user.

20. (Amended) The seating system of [any one of claims 15 to 19] claim 15 wherein the writing tablet [or the visual display unit] is connected to the beam separate from the associated chair.

21. (Amended) A seating system as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 wherein the seat is provided with means whereby it can be readily upholstered and re-upholstered.

23. (Amended) A seating system as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 wherein each seat is provided with arms.

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24. (Amended) A seating system as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1 wherein each seat is provided with an extended back.

Please add the following claim:

--25. The seating system of claim 16 wherein the visual display unit is connected to the beam separate from the associated chair.--